

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Reclamation Permit for a Mining Project in the name of Maggie Creek Stockpile Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0271 is:

Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids P. O. Box 277 Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

This project, will be located within Eureka County, and is in portion of Section 2 of Township 34 North, Range 51 East, M.D.B. & M, and is approximately 33 miles Northwest from the community of Elko, Nevada. This project is located entirely on private land and includes the removal of an existing barite ore stockpile, constructing of an access road and transporting the material to a permitted process facility.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on June 25th 2007. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on June 25th 2007.

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information, contact Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9408 or visit the Bureau's website at http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm